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President's Message

Joe Olson

Dear Friends,

TNA reached a milestone in its achievements. We were recently awarded THIRD PLACE in the regional publications of numismatic literature by the AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION. This is one of the highest forms of recognition which our organization can receive. We are indebted to Mike Grant and Bob Metzger for their outstanding achievement.

Our semi-annual Board is September 22 at the Comfort Inn at I-35 at Oltorf Dr. in Austin, Texas. We will be discussing the upcoming show in Houston, membership and other matters which come before the Board. The TNA is now on the internet line via America Online. This will make communications with Mike Grant and the TNA News much easier and quicker. Please make a note of Mike Grant's Internet Address: MPG4TNA or TNANEWS.

As many of you are aware, this is an ELECTION YEAR for TNA officers. This administration has been very fortunate to have had such capable persons serving TNA. We hope that a new slate of capable persons will come forth to serve the hobby of numismatics on a local, state or national level, serving TNA is a wonderful way to enhance one's education. It is challenging and rewarding and we need you. Please give some thought to serving in one of TNA's many offices.

Thank you,

Joe Olson

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Barbara Lowell

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A Few Words From the Editor

Mike Grant

"It is our pleasure to inform you that the TNA News has been awarded third place in the regional club category of the ANA's 1996 Club Publications Contest". That is the way the letter started out from Marilyn Reback, Senior Editor of The Numismatist.

I am very happy and pleased about the work many of the TNA members did by writing articles and commemtaries for our publication. As many of you know Bob Metzger has worked very hard to make this publication one of the best in the country and now for the 1995 year this has paid off.

I am very glad to be a part of this organization and to try and keep the quality of the TNA News to the highest standards possible. We will receive an award at the ANA's 105th Anniversary Convention in Denver on Saturday, August 17th.

I heard from two people about the great show the Golden Spread Coin Club had in Amarillo. This was a very large show and attracted a large gathering of people we don't get in some other parts of the state because of distance.

The Mid-Season TNA Convention is going to be September 21st and 22nd in Austin again this year. The Capital Cities Coin Club has their Annual Money Mart Coin Show that weekend, at the Quality Inn South at Oltorf & I-35 South. This has been the location for the last few years of this show. For Room reservations call (512) 444-0561 For table reservations call Jeffrey Meyer (512) 912-8127.

The TNA Regular Convention and Show is scheduled for June 13-15, 1997, in Houston, at the J.W. Marriott Hotel (Galleria), 5150 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX. Byron Paris is our Show Chairman and may be reached at (713) 261-3421 or (713) 558-1540. I am the Convention Coordinator again this year, contact me at (817) 428-6273 We can use the volunteer help to put on this event.

We need articles for the TNA News from our members, please send your writing to me at the address on the front cover, thank you!

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SPENCER MORTON CLARK

The Man Behind the Portrait

by Benny Bolin

Whose portrait was supposed to be on the third issue, five-cent fractional note? The famed explorer William Clark, Comptroller Freeman Clarke, Secretary of the Navy Gideon Welles, or that of someone else?

This is a question that will probably never be answered for sure, but in all likelihood, it was not supposed to have been Spencer Morton Clark whose likeness was actually used.

Who was Clark and how did his portrait wind up on the note? The first is simple. Spencer Morton Clark was the founder and first superintendent of the National Currency Bureau, the forerunner of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Two things about Clark are for sure, first he was a great innovator, but a lousy administrator and secondly that his dedication loyalty to the government and his work was unquestionable.

Clark began his tenure with the government in early 1856 as a clerk in the Bureau of Construction under the U.S. Treasury Department. In August, 1856, he was made chief clerk and in May 1860, he was named Acting Engineer in charge of the department. His many innovative ideas endeared him to Treasurer F.E. Spinner.

On April 10, 1862, Clark submitted a plan to General Spinner to print the one and two dollar notes in his department. This was accepted on April 22, 1862, officially forming the National Currency Bureau, now the BEP, with Clark as it's first superintendent. Clark thought the private banknote companies who were printing the nations securities were over-charging the goverment, so he proposed they be printed by his department. This did not set well with the private companies and printers unions who would lose much money, so they sought to have him cease his efforts. They offered him the then princely sum of $50,000 merely to quit his job and move out of Washington. He refused, so they resorted to allegations of wrongdoing and misuse of employees, especially playing on the large number of females employed due to the war. These allegations led to Clark's temporary suspension from the bureau, but were soon found to be false and Clark was returned to his job.

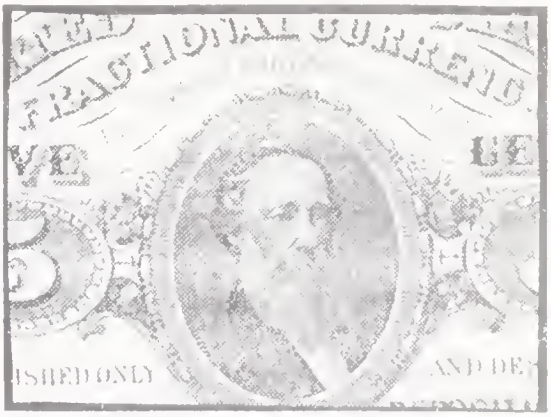
During this time, the second issue of Fractional Currency was in production and was being successfully counterfeited, necessitating the third issue of Fractional Currency which was authorized by the Congressional Act of June 30, 1864. How Clark's own portrait wound up on the five cent note is a big mystery that may never be solved.

If, as many said, Congress wanted to honor explorer William Clark, of Lewis and Clark fame, where was the honor for Merriwether Lewis? Since a former Secretary of the Treasury, William Pitt Fessenden and the current Treasurer, General Spinner were honored, why would either the Comptroller of the Currency, Freeman Clarke or the Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles be chosen over the sitting Secretary of the Treasury, Hugh McCulloch?

It is the opinion of this author that what actually happened was that Clark was authorized to use his own portrait either in passing or in honor to his dedication, loyalty, innovation and cost saving ideas and then made the scapegoat when public sentiment turned ugly. This author is of the belief that General Spinner was originally to have been portrayed on the five cent note and Secretary McCulloch on the fifty cent note. However the plate with Secretary McCulloch's portrait was either lost or damaged and he refused to sit for another. So, Mr. Clark moved General Spinner to the fifty cent note.

He reportedly asked General Spinner "whose portrait should we place on the five cent note? The boys have one made up with my portarait on it." Whether this was asked quickly and in passing, or whether General Spinner truly felt Clark was entitled to the honor, implied consent seems to have been given. However, when the public and Congress expressed their outrage, it seems likely that the noble and dedicated Clark, who had turned down a sum of money more than 20 times his yearly salary to continue his work, would remain silent and take the heat instead of directing it back toward his superiors.

This explanation fits more closely than any of the other explanations ever offered However, we probably will never know the full truth. What we do know is that Clark was much more that a "mere clerk" and was instead one of the most innovative and dedicated public servants ever.



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The IRS now requires any person who, in the course of trade or business, receives cash in excess of $10,000 in one transaction or in two or more related transactions must supply information regarding this receipt of cash. They must file Form 8300 with the Internal Revenue Service by the fifteenth day after the date the cash is received. The recipient also must furnish a written statement to each person whose name is set forth on the form.

When filing, you must supply the following information about the individual from whom the cash was received.

1. Name, including middle initial; 2. complete address; 3. Social Security number; 4. date of birth; 5. country (if not the U.S.); 6. occupation; 7. method of identity verification.

Also qualifying as such are cashier's checks, bank drafts traveler's checks and money orders tendered in a designated reporting transaction and having a face value of $10,000 or less. Designated reporting transaction is defined by the IRS as a retail sale or the receipt of funds by a broker or other intermediary in connection with a retail sale of a consumer durable, a collectible, or a travel or entertainment activity. Checks drawn on the payor's personal account are excluded.

Stalin Had Cache of Liquors

People collect everything as most of us know, now it has been discovered that Josef Stalin collected rows and rows of wine, gin, brandy, and other fine liquors.

In Tbilisi, Georgia the neat rows of bottles lie in a dark vault underneath Tbilisi's No. 1 Wine Factory, covered in black grime and cobwebs. There are 350 bottles in the collection and Western auctioneers want it. Many Georgians see this unusual collection as their heritage and refuse to part with it.

Although many of the wines have gone bad, the hard stuff is still drinkable, including several bottles of 1929 Hennessy cognac and malt whisky from Scotland, not to mention Booth's High and Dry gin. There is also a bottle of Napoleon's own brandy, presented to the plant by a Russian aristocrat when it first opened in 1896.

The collection was found at Stalin's dacha outside Moscow after his death in 1953 and moved to the wine factory's Moscow office, it was moved to Georgia in 1979. The wine factory's vaults are perfect for the conservation of the bottles becaues they are dark, humid and cold.

International Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Numismatics by R. Scott Carlton

TNA member Scott Carlton of Steubenville, Ohio, has been working on this book for over ten years. He wrote the dictionary to fill a pressing need for concise reference works which include encyclopedic articles covering the entire numismatic spectrum, offered are hundreds of sources for further research, and give reliable translations, both into and out of English, of hundreds of words commonly used in this field.

Scott has another dictionary of Philately he has published that is every bit as extensive as the one on Numismatics. Krause Publications is offering his books for sale. We are very proud of our TNA members and will continue to let you know their exciting accomplishments.

Quality Measuring Device For Die Varieties

TNA member, Ron Kersey of Fort Worth, has reported that he has developed a high quality measuring device to assist in the attribution of die varieties. He found the increment lines on the rulers available to collectors so thick that he was unable to get an accurate reading for measurements on his coins.

He works for a printer in the computer desktop publishing area and decided to design a simple device with ultra thin lines and cross hairs that could be output on a Linotronic film processor. He is copywriting the device and believes that it will be a benefit to collectors and others who need a fine lined measuring aid.

The measuring aid will have a cost of $5.00. An enlarged version of the device is shown below so that the collector can get a better idea of how it can be used with a magnifying glass or microscope.

St. Eligius Patron Saint of Numismatists Project

by Frank Galindo

The 8th grade students of St. John Bosco had a special awards presentation recently. The students participated in the "St. Eligius Patron Saint of Numismatics Project" an educational activity especially developed for 8th grade students. The students assignment was to take part in writing an essay about St. Eligius and numismatics.

The project required that the students write a two-part essay. The first part was a brief biography of St. Eliguis, Patron Saint of Numismatics. The second part of the essay was on numismatics, the hobby of collecting coins, paper currency, tokens, or medals. The students were provided two pages of numismatic topics to help them in choosing a subject. In addition, the students were also given two pages of numismatic book titles to help them in their research.

Marie Ramirez won the first place award and received a fifty-dollar U S Savings Bond, a set of Canadian coins, several numismatic booklets, and a first place certificate. The second place award was given to Nicole Ferguson who received a set of U.S. proof coins, numismatic booklets, and a second place certificate. Samantha Ann Hernandez earned third place honors. She received a U.S. mint set of coins, numismatic booklets, and a third place certificate.

Honorable Mention certificates were presented to Kathryn Contreras, Leslie Garza, Jessica Morin, Samuel A. Tamez, Jesse O. Garcia, Jr., and Teresa Marie Tello. In addition, every student received several booklets on various numismatic topics.

Certificates of Recognition were awarded to Veronica Delgado, Tiffany Padilla, Crystal Marroquin, Luisa Arellano, Gregory Cadena, and Robert A. Campos. Each student also received three booklets on different numismatic topics.

Certificates of Appreciation were also given to Mrs. Mary Ann Oehler, Principal; Mrs. Monica Lara, Vice-principal; Sister Mary Tamayo, Librarian, and Sister Sarah E Miller, teacher.

The project's objectives were to promote St. Eligius as the patron saint of numismatics and to introduce the hobby of numismatics to young students, while at the same time encouraging them to read, research, and develop their writing skills.

The project was begun on December 1, 1995, the feast day of St Eligius and concluded on January, with the awards presentation being held on February 26, 1996.

I developed this project for the students and look forward to repeating the project on December 1, 1996, the feast day of St Eligius and am anxious to work with a new class of students.

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Contact: Lone Star Mint, Inc., 805 East 15th St., Plano, TX
Call: (214) 424-1405

Sep 7 **San Antonio/Live Oak, TX** **25 Tables**
Alamo Coin Show, Sponsored by the Alamo Coin Club
Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd., at Loop 1604 NE.
Contact. Harold Eiserloh (210) 341-6587
P.O. Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201-8714

Sep 21-22 **Austin, TX** **35 Tables**
Annual Money Mart, Sponsored by the Capital City Coin Club
Quality Inn South, Oltorf & I-35 South
Contact: Jeffrey Meyer (512) 912-8127
This is the date of the Mid-season TNA convention at this hotel.
For hotel reservations call (512) 912-8127

Sep 27-29 **Irving, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin & Card Show
Howard Johnson Airport Inn, 120 W. Airport Freeway (Old Hwy 183)
Contact. Paul or Doug, (214) 262-4491 (evenings, 6pm-9pm)
Box 224584, Dallas, TX 75222-4584

Sep 28-29 **Beaumont, TX**
Southeast Texas Coin & Collectibles, Fall Show
Holiday Inn Beaumont Plaza, 3950 I-10 South, Houston Room
Contact. Bourse Chair , PO Box 1676, Silsbee, TX 77656
Phone. (409) 385-9272

Sep 28-29 **San Angelo, TX** **13 Tables**
Annual San Angelo Coin & Stamp Club Show CONCHOPLEX '96
Howard Johnson Motel, 333 Rio Concho Drive, San Angelo
Contact. (915) 949-1578 Stamps, (915) 655-5293 or (915) 949-4656 Coins

Oct 19 **Austin, TX** **30 Tables**
Central Texas Coin, Stamp and Sports Card Show
Quality Inn - South, 2200 S. IN-35 at Oltorf
Contact: Francis Smith (512) 448-6372

Oct 26-27 **Fort Worth, TX** **60 Tables**
36th Annual Coin Show, Fort Worth Coin Club
Green Oaks Inn, I-30 & Green Oaks Rd., Fort Worth, TX
Contact: Gary Hill, (214) 263-7334

Nov 22-24 **Wichita Falls, TX** **35 Tables**
Annual Wichita Falls/Red River Coin & Stamp Club Coin Show
Wichita Falls Multi-Purpose Events Convention Center
Contact: Connolly O'Brian (817) 723-1792,1503 Beverly WF TX76309

Nov 22-24 **Houston, TX** **67 Tables**
Coin Show Sponsored by the Pasadena Coin Club
Holiday Inn - Hobby Airport, 9100 Gulf Freeway
Contact: Bourse Info. - Box 58155 Houston, TX 77258

Nov 30-Dec1 **Irving, TX** **75 Tables**
Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Coin & Card Show
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Feb 1-2 **Fort Worth, TX** **65 Tables**
15th Annual Winter Coin & Stamp Show
Green Oaks Inn - 6901 West Freeway
Contact: Joe or Linda Wade, (817) 485-1777
6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth, TX 76180

Feb 14-16 **Houston, TX** **115 Tables**
40th Annual Money Show
J W. Marriott (Galleria), 5150 Westheimer, Houston, TX
Contact: Jesse Vaughan, 6610 Stewart Rd., Suite 127, Galveston, TX
Phone: (409) 740-2563

March 1 **San Antonio, TX** **29 Tables**
Alamo Coin Show, Sponsored by the Alamo Coin Club
Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd., at Loop 1604 NE
Contact: Harold Eiserloh, PO Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201-8714 Phone: (214) 341-6587

May 3-4 **San Antonio, TX** **30 Tables**
The Gateway Coin Club - Coin and Collectables Show
Bestwestern Oak Hills (Medical Center), 7401 Wurzback Rd.
Contact: Ray E. Tate, PO Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212
Phone: (210) 271-3429

June 13, 14, 15 **Houston, TX** 105 Tables

39th Annual "TEXAS 97" SHOW
Texas Numismatic Association Show and Convention
J.W. Marriott Hotel (Galleria), 5150 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX
Contact: Byron S. Paris - Show Chairman, (713) 261-3412 or (713) 558-1540

August 30 **San Antonio, TX** 29 Tables

Alamo Coin Show, Sponsored by the Alamo Coin Club
Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Rd., at Loop 1604 NE
Contact: Harold Eiserloh, PO Box 100714, San Antonio, TX 78201-8714. Phone: (210) 341-6587

Statement of Income and Expenses

Kirk Menczer - Treasurer

June 1, 1996 - July 31,1996

REVENUE:		
Membership Dues	$ 37.00	0.7%
Medals Sales	300.00	5.9%
Newsletter Advertising	966.00	19.1%
Interest Income	00.00	0.0%
Donations-Coins for A's	00.00	0.0%
Donations-General Use	00.00	0.0%
Book Auction	00.00	0.0%
TNA Show 1995	3,758.00	74.3%
TOTAL INCOME	$ 5,061.00	100.0%
EXPENSES:		
Office of the President	$ 00.00	0.0%
Office of Secretary Stipend	350.00	6.9%
Office of Secretary Postage	24.84	0.5%
Office of Secretary Other	240.98	4.8%
Office of Treasurer	0.00	0.00%
Office of Medals Officer	9.40	0.2%
Cost of Medals	0.00	0.00%
Office of Editor Stipend	350.00	6.9%
Office of Editor Printing	1,249.00	24.7%
Office of Editor Other	212.27	4.2%
Awards	0.00	0.0%
Elongated Cents	0.00	0.0%
Insurance	0.00	0.0%
Young Numismatists	0.00	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	$ 2,436.49	48.1%
General and Administrative		
1997 TNA Expenses	200.00	4.0%
NET OPERATING INCOME	$ 2,424.51	47.9%
NET INCOME (LOSS)	$ 2,424.51	47.9%

Balance Sheet

Kirk M. Menczer - Treasurer

July 31, 1996

ASSETS:		
Current Assets		
Hill Country Bank	$ 15,663.82	
"Coins for A's" Fund	598.31	
ANA Jr. Seminar Fund	1,268.25	
TNA Memorial Library Fund	707.58	
CD Life Membership Fund	11,218.33	
CD	10,775.75	
Total Current Assets		$ 40,232.04
TOTAL ASSETS:		$ 40,232.04

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Equity:		
Unrestricted Fund Balance	$ 36,312.26	
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AMAZING HOARD OF ANCIENT ROMAN DENARI

Due to a fortunate purchase by the Jonathan K. Kern Co. ancient department we can now offer again our very popular Roman empire denari portrait gallery. These ancient Roman silver denari (singular denarius) were struck during the height of the Roman Empire from 69 to 235 AD. The Roman Empire stretched from Scotland to Arabia, from Morrocco to Poland, from Germany to Egypt, and the Mediterranean was known as the "Roman Lake". It was an empire like the world had never known and has not known since. Dozens of aspiring generals and tyrants like Justinian, Charlemagne, Napoleon, and Hitler tried and failed to recreate the Roman Empire. All roads lead to Rome. When in Rome do as the Romans do. About every third word in the English language had its start in Roman Latin. Liberty on US coins is usually shown wearing or holding a Liberty cap which the Romans used to designate a free person. The Mercury head dime is named after the Roman messenger god. The fasces on the reverse is a symbol of Roman justice. The Roman Empire was the birth culture of the Christian religion. All one has to do is visit modern Rome now and look at the Colosseum built by Vespasian, the triumphal arch of Titus, Trajan's Column, and the Forum of Trajan. These are 2,000 year old ruins which represent only a small fraction of the awe inspiring grandeur of this amazing civilization.

The average weight is about 3.5 grams of good silver. They were hand struck with the reverse die embedded in an "anvil" of log cross section and the obverse die was held and struck with a hand sledge hammer. These silver jewels were struck in massive quantities to fuel the economic needs of a vast thriving empire, and indeed as this hoard demonstrates, the oldest denari in the hoard passed from hand to hand for over 125 years before being buried. They were struck by hand engraved dies by skilled artists known as celators. The portraits of all the different Roman emperors and their family members are like a portrait gallery of miniatures silver busts, or like a precious metal three dimensional photo album. The reverse dies were also carefully engraved, usually to depict all the gods, goddesses, heroes, and nymphs of Roman mythology. Other reverse commemmorated military victories, religious or political events, or just plain propaganda.

1 NERVA 96-98 A.D. Fine $69

2 TRAJAN 98-117 A.D. VF $79

Amazing Hoard cont

The silver denarius was also the power base by which Roman emperors maintained the loyalty of their legions These paid professional legionaires, though proud to be part of the Roman army, were just as happy serving a rival claimant to the Imperial Purple if he happened to have a more generous war chest overflowing with denari All through the reign's **NERVA** and all the other Adoptive emperors the standard pay of the legionaire was 300 denari a year

Just by handling these treasures of the past one can almost hear the drums giving a cadence to the tromp of the Legion's advance and the trumpets signaling the charge against the enemy lines! But after the battles are over and the paymaster has distributed the denari to the surviving legions what happened then? For a denarius a Roman could buy 12 large loaves of bread, or 24 small loaves A serving of table wine (probably watered, which was acceptable) cost an as or 1/16 of a denarius Vintage wine cost 1/4 a denarius a serving In the Holy Land an amphora of olive oil from the Galilee cost one denarius A bunch of grapes or 10 figs cost an as, or 1/16 of a denarius An ox sold for 100 denari, and a calf 20 denari, and a ram 8 denari, and 5 sparrows cost 1/8 denarius It could cost a trader 10,000 denari to lease a ship (galley) A scribe a highly educated man, earned 12 denari a week He ate and drank for 4 denari a week and his clothing also cost 4 denari a week (he must have dressed quite well because a commoner could buy sackcloth which would last years for only 4 denari)

3 **HADRIAN**, 117-138 A D VF $79

4 **SABINA** died 137 A D Fine $69

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THE ADOPTIVE EMPERORS
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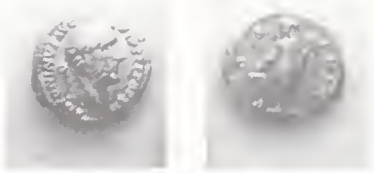
The English historian Edward Gibbon termed the second century A.D. the "happiest age in history." Between 96 and 180 A.D. the Roman Empire was ruled by a series of capable emperors. After the assassination in A.D. 96 of Domitian, the last of the Flavian emperors, the Senate chose one of their own members, the elderly **NERVA**, to succeed to the throne. To secure the support of the army, the new emperor adopted the general **TRAJAN** as his son and heir in A.D. 97. This adoption set a precedent for the next four emperors--**TRAJAN**, **HADRIAN**, **ANTONINUS PIUS** and **MARCUS AURELIUS**, would come to the throne as the adoptive son of their predecessor. Under these "adoptive emperors" the Roman Empire would reach the zenith of its power and prosperity.

In A.D. 98 **TRAJAN** became emperor upon the death of **NERVA**. Under **TRAJAN** the Roman Empire underwent its last significant territorial expansion. After two campaigns (A.D. 101-102 and 105-106) **TRAJAN** annexed the Kingdom of the Dacians (modern Romania). In the Forum of Rome there still stands the awe inspiring column of **TRAJAN** depicting the military campaign against the Dacians in detail as over 2,500 figures spiral upward around the 125 foot height.

5. **AELIUS CAESAR**, 136-138 A.D. Fine $179



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In A D 105 the Kingdom of the Nabataeans was converted into the Roman province of Arabia Petraea In A D 114 a dispute with Parthia led **TRAJAN** to annex Armenia and invade Mesopotamia In A D 116 Mesopotamia was declared a Roman province However rebellions in the East including those of the Jews forced **TRAJAN** to retreat He died in A D 117 before he could resume campaigning in the East Before his death, **TRAJAN** named his adopted son **HADRIAN** as his heir

The reign of **HADRIAN** was one of consolidation The new emperor gave up **TRAJAN'S** eastern conquests--Arminia regained its former status as a Roman vassal state Other Frontiers were strengthened In Britian the wall he built to defend against the Scottish tribes is still to be seen **HADRIAN** spent most of his reign outside of Italy touring the provinces to see first-hand what were each territory's needs **HADRIAN** married a grand neice of **TRAJAN'S** named **SABINA**, but they had no children so in A D 136 **HADRIAN** adopted a certain **L. CEIONIUS COMMODUS**, who took the name **AELIUS CAESAR**, as his son and heir However the death of **AELIUS** in A D 138 compelled **HADRIAN** to designate a new heir **ANTONINUS**. In turn **HADRIAN** compelled **ANTONINUS** to adopt **LUCIUS VERUS**, the son of **AELIUS** and a nephew of **ANTONINUS MARCUS ANNIUS VERUS**, renamed **MARCUS AURELIUS** **HADRIAN** died later that same year

7 **FAUSTINA SENIOR**, died 141 A D VF $59

8 **MARCUS AURELIUS**, 161-180 A D VF $69

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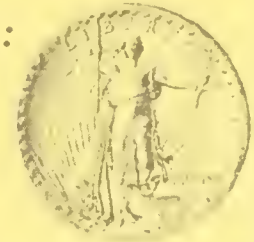

Amazing Hoard cont

The reign of **ANTONINUS PIUS** (A.D. 138-161) was notable chiefly for its tranquility although in Britian a new defensive line north of **HADRIAN'S** wall was built to keep the Scottish tribes further at bay. His wife **FAUSTINA SENIOR** died in 141 A.D. so the vast majority of her coinage was commemorative in nature. Also notable was the long apprenticeship of **MARCUS AURELIUS** who was named Ceasar in A.D. 139. He married a daughter of **ANTONINUS PIUS** and **FAUSTINA** in 145 A.D. She is known to history as **FAUSTINA JUNIOR**. By the time of the death of **ANTONINUS** in A.D. 161 **MARCUS** was thoroughly prepared to assume the burdens of office. As it turned out they would prove to be considerable.

Upon his accession **MARCUS AURELIUS** elevated his adoptive brother, **LUCIUS VERUS**, to the position of co-emperor. **MARCUS** however was clearly the supreme authority. **LUCIUS** married the eldest daughter **LUCILLA**, of **MARCUS** and **FAUSTINA JUNIOR** in 164 A.D. **MARCUS** was to spend much of his reign on campaign. Invasions of German tribes from the north and of Parthians from the east bedevilled the empire. Plague brought back from the east by the army in A.D. 166, swept the empire (a second wave of plague carried **LUCIUS VERUS** away in A.D. 169). Despite these shocks, **MARCUS** was able to restore order on the eastern frontier and was poised to annex territories on the northern frontier at the time of his death A.D. 180. **MARCUS** was succeeded by his son **COMMODUS**, thus breaking the pattern of succession through adoption and with the acession Rome's greatest era came to an end.

COMMODUS proved to be a despot who became quite insane. **COMMODUS** thought he was the god Hercules and he is depicted as Hercules on a number of his coins. He would enter the arena himself to fight gladiators and wild beasts. There were several plots against him, one of which involved his sister **LUCILLA**, whom he put to death. **COMMODUS'** wife **CRISPINA** was banished early in his reign and later executed. **COMMODUS** was eventually assassinated Dec. 31st 192 A.D. and the Roman Empire entered an era of anarchy.

9 **FAUSTINA JUNIOR** died 175 A.D. VF $59

10 **LUCIUS VERUS**, 161-169 A.D.
VF $89

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11 **LUCILLA**, died 182 A.D. VF $69

12 **COMMODUS**, 177-192 A.D.
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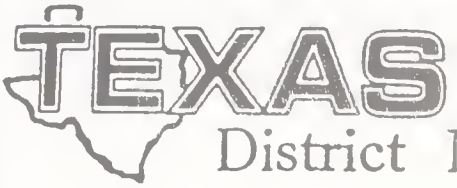

District Meetings

DISTRICT I

Mid-Cities Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

President Jim Fitzgerald called the June meeting to order with 40 members and guests present. Mike Grant gave the program on "Twenty Cent Pieces". Lauren Wilson won the lottery three different times tonight. Fred Gowdy and John Neinast won the door prizes.

At the July meeting there were 30 members present. Huston Pearson gave the presentation on his Texana Collection. Kim Groves and three club members met with two of the Dallas Coin Club members to try and work on a location for a show. Club President Jim Fitzgerald is also in charge of the Coins For A's program for the TNA. He wishes to remind everyone we need donations for the coming school year. We are getting report cards from all over the country on our project.
The Mid-Cities Coin Club meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at Catfish Sam's Cafe on Division St. in Arlington, at 6:30pm.
--Bob Millard, Corresponding Secretary

DISTRICT IV

Williamson County Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

The June 6th meeting was attended by seven members and two guests. Mr. Krammer called the meeting to order and introduced the visitors, Jeffrey John Meyer, president of the Capital City Coin Club, and Barbara Terbox. Mr. Mereys passed around examples of his club's business cards A motion was made to purchase the business cards, it passed. Ms. Terbox volunteered to create some artwork for the cards. Future growth of the club was discussd regarding potential members from Sun City, as well as the possibility of a separate club based here. Mr Liarkos gave the program on the comparison of mint production of all U.S. coins. The purpose for his analysis was to demonstrate the profitability of selective and specialized collecting. Mr. Crockett brought an ancient coin he believed was pictured in Sear as a plate example. Mr. Kramer disagreed and a lively discussion ensued Mr Palmer showed everyone books on Biblical coinage.

At the July 11th meeting there were 7 members and 1 guest Mr. Liakos brought in 1000 WCCC business cards, provided by McBride's Coins. Members signed a "short-snorter" paper bill. This tradition came about with soldiers in WWII, who signed a foreign note and taped it with others. Mr. Sherva provided the bill, a one pound note from

bankrupt Republic of Biafra. Erin Davis gave a presentation on the coins of the Kingdom of Hawaii. Mr. Liarkos gave a presentation on the characterisitcs of authentic 1937 D three-legged Buffalo Nickels. Mr. Green gave a talk on the WWII Saudi Arabian oil contest between the US and Russia. He told how the US secretly paid Saudi Arabia in gold planchets from Philadelphia, struck in Saudi.

--Erin Davis, Club Secretary

Waco Coin Club, (Waco News)

There were 24 members present at the March meeting. The members discussed advertising in the TNA News and the ECT magazine. Coin week is April 21-27, Vernon Woolf made display cards for the display cases at the library. The two display cases will be for US coins and world coins. The Lake Air library needs a display case if anyone has one. The coin show was March 23-24. Glen Harding will have business cards made for the club.

At the April meeting there were 26 members and 4 guests. Mal Lucas gave the program. The displays are set up at the libraries. J.P. Jones set the displays up for the club. The coin show was a success and profitable for the club. Glenn Hardin donated the business cards to the club. The club has a 35mm projector for sale if any of the members are interested, see Glenn Hardin.

President Mal Lucas called the May meeting to order with 22 members present. The library display was a big success. The club voted to donate the projector to the Waco Christen School for a garage sale. George Kubal, Alan Wood, Gerry Kammer, Hugh Smith, and Dalton Adams were given life memberships. The coin show next year will be May 21-23, 1997. The club voted to continue it's membership with the ANA and Mike Roe will be the representative. Alan Wood gave a program on the Denver Mint. This month in numismatic history - May 11, 1535, Queen Dona De Castilla, La Loca (the Mad) signed a decree authorizing the first mint in the New World, in Mexico, at Tenochtitlan (Mexico City), the former capital of the Aztecs.

The June meeting was called to order by VP Alan Wood with 21 members and 3 visitors. Pictures will be brought to the next meeting of the displays at the the libraries. A new book is now in the club library. The Coin Calander has the club listed in it. Glenn ordered the gray sheets to be given away at the show. Fred Gowdy gave a program on "Paper Money". In numismatic history, June 20, 1782, Congress adopted the design for the Great Seal of the United States, submitted by Charles Thomson, Secretary of the Congress and artist William Barton. The Waco Coin Club meets the second Thursday of each month at the Democratic Party Center, at 7:30pm.

-- Ginny Dillard, Secretary

Capital City Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

On June 8-9 the Capital City CC had its coin show. The tables were sold out with 38 dealers. The show had door prizes this year, with Bailex Shoemaker (John Rowe's Grandaughter), door prize announcer. There were a lot of young numismatists that helped with the show this time.

On June 20th the club members had a lengthy discussion of the show and what to do next time. Owen gave a program on the "Ancient Coinage of the Huns". This meeting was a going away party for two of the members moving back east.

The Capital City Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the North Loop Library, at 7:00pm.

--Jeffrey Meyer, President

DISTRICT V

Dallas Coin Club, (Club Newsletter).

President Frank Clark called the May 16th meeting to order with 21 members and guests present. The club voted to ratify the bylaws to allow people to become members after only one meeting instead of two. The DCC won the Col. Darrah award for the highest percent of DCC members that are also TNA members. Frank Clark received the TNA Outstanding Governor Award and the VIP Award for bringing in the most new TNA members. Benny Bolin got a Presidential Citation Award for all the hard work he has done. Mike Grant received the Lewis Regan Award for outstanding service to help promote numismatics in Texas, and a show convention award for work performed on the last five conventions. DCC member Scott Carlton published a book with Krause Publications called "The Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Numismatics". Mike Grant gave a program on collecting Red Books.

Vice President Tom Ragsdale called the June 20th meeting to order with 18 members and guests present. The Mid-Cities Coin Club and the DCC are still trying to put together a show for early 1997 Gary Hill got 1994 Red Books from a company for just the postage for the club to give away to schools and libraries in the Dallas County area. We are looking at 100 to start with. The club purchased 24, 1997 Red Books from a national book distributor at half the retail price for the club members to buy at the club cost. The program this month let the members talk about how they got involved in coin collecting and what they like.

At the July 18th meeting there were 20 members and guests The club members took almost all the 1997 Red Books, with some members buying two because this is the 50th anniversary of the book and the pictures are in color. The members took all the 100, 1994 Red Books that Gary Hill brought in to distribute to schools and libraries. Three DCC members attended the International Paper Money Show, Frank Clark, John Rowe, and Benny Bolin. Frank and Benny both were

speakers at the show Tom Ragsdale is looking into insurance for the club. Joe Olson has encorporated the club and will send the paperwork as soon as it gets to him. The DCC entered the ANA competition for club newsletters to see if we could win. We did not unfortunately do very well, but the TNA News came in third in the regional competition. The Dallas Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Dallas International Center (Preston Center) in Dallas at 7:30pm.
--Michael P. Grant, Club Secretary

Collin County Coin Club, (Collin County Coin Club Chronicles).

The May meeting was called to order with 29 members and guests present. President Gary Rollins reviewed the proposed club bylaws Education is a top proirity for club members with the library and programs. The annual officer elections are in June.

There were 27 members and guests present at the June 29th meeting. Gary Parent gave a review of the Eliasberg Auction he attended in New York City. The fall coin show is set for Oct. 5th. The Club bylaws have been rewritten and are to be distributed. Jimmie Ranes gave a presentation on Web Press Banknotes. Gary Rollins was re-elected as President and Treasurer, Dee Vee Lee as vice president and Jimmie Ranes as secretary.

The July 18th meeting had 18 members and guests present. The club bylaws are not quite finished and will take a little while longer. Gary Rollins told everyone how the Oct. 5th show was coming along. Volunteers are needed to work the show.
The club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at Steak Kountry in McKinney, at 7:30pm.
--Jim Ranes, Club Secretary/Editor

DISTRICT VI

Bellaire Coin Club, (Club Newsletter).

The Club did not meet May 6th because there was an installation banquet at The Forum At Memorial Woods. Club member Brian Holland got an article published in Coin World. Bob & Linda Jones were highlighted in a recent issue of Numismatic News. Barney Loebe of Greater Houston C.C. was highlighted as an outstanding ANA member in the Numismatist

At the May 20th meeting there were 30 members and 3 visitors J. Todd reported on the TNA show in 1997, this will be in Houston. M. Doyle gave a program on "Commerative Gold Coins". Jim Bevill gave a report on the Esliaberg Auction Book at the installation banquet. A number of the club members paid the full cost of their banquet at the installation dinner This enabled the club to make a nice donation to the Bellaire Library numismatic section

The June 3rd meeting had 26 members and one visitor present Jim Bevill informed everyone that the Bellaire Show had a dealer overflow

and this created a waiting list. Jim also told the members about the donations to the children's auction and the Bellaire Library. Jerry Clemons wrote an article in the April issue of the TNA News. Dale Friend gave a program on the 1804 $10 Gold Eagle Jim asked all members going to the Austin Show to pass out flyers of the Bellaire Show. The club plans to give the children that attend the children's auction of the show "ANA Coin Collector Kits." There was a discussion of a show raffle. Brian Holland gave the main program on "Historical and World Trade Coins."

The club met June 17th with 24 members and 1 visitor. Jim Bevill reminded everyone about the Bellaire show in August. There is a new coin show at the Travelodge on Southwest Freeway at Kirby. Dale Friend gave a short program on "Gold Type Coins". Jim introduced Mary Alford, Bellaire Librarian, who received a box of numismatic books. The program was given by Ed Stevens on "Collecting Silver Specialties".

Thirty members and one visitor met for the July 1st meeting. There was a discussion on the advertising error of the past show. "The Bellaire Coin Show did not sponsor the Travelodge Show." Dale Friend showed everyone a gold proof coin. Coin World announced that the Bellaire Coin Club had a new address on the Internet. Jim reminded everyone that the show is at the Holiday Inn. Stan Garczynski gave the program on "US Trade Dollars".

On July 15th there were 27 members and 5 visitors. Ed Stevens will be acting secretary until officially elected. There were a number of donations for the children's auction. Brian Holland was written in Coin World. Bob and Linda Jones stated that if a student received an A on a report card, they would receive a bag of coins. Michael Doyle gave the program on ""Incuse 2 1/2 Gold Dollars".

A special announcement Mr. Ed Stephens has been voted in as Club Secretary - Congratulations to Mr. Stephens!
The Bellaire Coin Club meets the first and third Mondays of each month at the Bellaire Library, at 7:00pm.
--Michael Wolford, Club Editor

Clements Coin Club, (The C-Cubed).

The March issues of the C-Cubed have very interesting articles from club members. Brooke tells about the delay her body and mind have getting back into a schedule after Spring Break. The Goals and Objectives of the club are printed for all to read The winners of the GHCC Show were announced. There is a good test of your numismatic knowledge in the March 21st issue. President Peter Keller writes an article telling members about the TNA Convention. Brook and Peter are very good writers and have interesting articles in the issues. Vice President Bhavin Shah wrote an article on the Guernsey Coins and his interest.

In the April issue there is a letter from Bhavin Shah to the mayor confirming that on April 23rd the mayor will announce the beginning of National Coin Week in Sugar Land. There is an announcement on the TNA Show and what is required to go to the show. There are a number of letters telling about people and their coin collecting. All in all this publication has been fun to read.

In May the weekly publication stated the interest of students wanting to go on the field trip to the TNA Show in Ft. Worth. Then there was a very amusing article by Anonymous telling about the trip to Ft. Worth and all that happened. (Note From M. Grant - I feel I must have missed a lot of action stated in this article. My hat is off to Ralph Ross!) The club members sold T-shirts and candy to help pay for club expenses. The annual end of year party is scheduled for Friday, May 17th at CiCi's Pizza. In the May 17th issue there are color photos of the club members and the ones at the TNA Show (pick out Anonymous). There are 137 active members in the club at the present. Bhavin Shah is the top recruiter with 49 members and the top fundraiser with $282.00. Bradley York is the hardest worker compiling the C-Cubed each week as the new editor/publisher. Cindy Jacob won the Emily B. Garner Award for 1995-1996. There is an award system for members that perform above and beyond by: writing articles, exhibiting at shows, fund raising, recruiting to name a few. Peter Keller had the most points and will receive a silver round for his hard work. Six others got silver rounds fro their contributions.

The Clements Coin Club is our young numismatists club from Clements High School in Sugarland, Texas.

--Sini Jacob, Club Secretary

Greater Houston Coin Club, (Double Shift)

At the March 21st meeting there were 33 members and guests. The "96 Money Show was very profitable for the club. The 96-97 officers were approved, and will be installed at the May 4th installation banquet at the Warwick on South Main. The club needs a new head of the food committee if anyone is interested. There is also an opening for chief host. The suggestion was made to provide a type of scholarship for a Y.N. in conjunction with the TNA. Ralph Ross presented certificates and plaques to the exhibitors at the recent Money Show. Byron Paris had a program on "Standing Liberty Quarters". The request for he A.V. Montgomery award consideration are due now in order for the Board to announce the winner. The club needs everyone to help bring in new members.

President Jerry Vaughan called the April meeting to order with 30 members and 1 guest present. The club voted to pay for the banquet dinner and members paying for guests only. Volunteers are needed for various committees. The secretary passed around a sheet for everyone to write the day they were born so they will receive recognition on

that day each year. Stan Garcznski gave a program on "Two Lost and Found" US $50 Dollar Gold pieces minted in 1877 at the Philadelphia Mint, now on display at the Smithsonian. Jesse Vaughan was selected as the new manager for the 1997 GHCC Money Show.

The May meeting had 25 members and 1 guest present. The Board reached a decision to merge the Y.N. group, with the annual Scholarship contribution. Volunteers are needed to help prepare meals for the group, and to give programs. Francis Townsend offered to serve as club Librarian. Jesse Vaughan gave a report on the progress of the "97 Money Show. Asif Sayani has asked to be considered by the club to be sent to the ANA summer seminar. The program was on the video "The Money Story".

On June 20th there were 30 members and 4 guests. Jessey Vaughan gave a report on the Money Show. Jim Bevill gave the program on a display of collectable coins that are easy to obtain. The Bellaire Coin Show is August 3-4.

At the July meeting the president announced that the Rice Belt Coin Club will hold its annual coin show on Sept. 14. In numismatic history this month - On July 3, 1852, President Filmore signed a bill authorizing the establishment of a branch mint in California in order to relieve the Philadelphia mint, which had been deluged with gold from the newly discovered mines and to provide citizens of the new state with a standard coinage.

The Greater Houston Coin Club meets the third Thursday each month at the Saint Paul Presbyterian Church in Houston at 7:30pm.

- -Stan Garczynski, Editor & Benard Loebe, Club Secretary

Pasadena Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

At the March 11th meeting, members voted in the new officers for the 96097 term. President - David Montgomery; VP - Bob Bing; Secretary - Annette Bing; Treasurer - Emil Nelson. The new ID cards will be passed out to paid up members at the installation banquet on April 8th. The ANA video "Gold Fever" was shown to the club and well received. The ANA video "Large Cents 101" will be shown May 13th.

The Pasadena Coin Club meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Pasadena at 7:00pm.

--Rich Maugle, Editor

DISTRICT VII

Alamo Coin Club, (The Alamo News).

At the May 9th meeting there were 24 members and four guests Wayne presented a bronze Roman Follis of Emperor Diocletian, 294-295 AD. Lou showed two error 2 cent pieces with rotated dies, and a 1938-S Lincoln cent with S over S over S. Bill visited the Gallery Mint in Eureka, Ark. and showed some of the things he aquired, a dollar concept coin & a copy of the flying hair 1793 large cent. There were a

number of other unusual items - a WWII Philippine guerilla 10 Peso note issued by the Mindanao Emergency Currency Board, a 1864 twenty-five cent Fractional Currency piece, a Byzantine Follis of Romanus III from 1028-1034. President Jim Ehrhardt resigned office because of his impending move to California. VP Bill R. will serve as acting president until new officers are installed in July.

At the May 23rd meeting there were 18 members and guests present. The members ordered 35 numismatic books for their libraries. Members are trying an investment game to see who can make more money with a ficticious investment of $10,000. The money is used to purchase any numismatic item and see who makes the most by May 1997. Some items brought to show by members include a Philippine Currency collection and numerous WWII Emergency issues, a 1756MM Spanish Mexican 8 Reales, a 1793 Netherlands East Indies Ducaton, both were counterfeits. There was a 1921 notgeld Eine Mark from Sachsen*, and two 1922 Peace Dollars double dated. In the June 10th issue of Coin World there was an article published by member Rick Medina.

Twenty members and 2 visitors attended the June 13th meeting. The program was an ANA video "Walter Breen Answers Questions on Numismatics". Some of the items shown are a 1930 Buffalo Nickel with 5 legs, an 1878 Morgan dollar with 8 tail feathers rev. & obv. double die in MS64 A 1966 Boy Scout Book showing how to obtain a Coin Collecting Merit Badge.

At the June 27th meeting 27 members and guests were present. The new officers were installed: President - Wayne Gordon; 1st VP - Bill Rutledge; 2nd VP - Harold Eiserloh; Secretary - Vicki English; and Treasurer - Robert Jenkins. Harold Eiserloh was awarded life membership. Some of the items brought to show include; an Indian Head Cent Set with a slabbed 1877 in F12, gold and silver tokens from Deadwood, S.D.

On July 11th there were 23 members and one guest. Frank Galindo performed the officer installation ceremony. The club voted to present Frank with a gift certificate in appreciation for the many years he has conducted the officer installations. New life member Harold was presented with a recognition plaque. Program Chairman Bill R. is disappointed in the ANA videos received because they are usually an unedited recording of a speech made at a convention. The club members discussed the fact that the US commemorative coin program is overpriced and there are too many different issues making it impossible for most people to collect. Wayne will be teaching a class on Numismatics this fall in the Northside School District's Community Education Program. Some items shown are a 1771 Skilling from Denmark, a book of proof sterling silver rounds, all depicting American Indian Tribes. There was a US $10 Specimen star note with Gold Seal, issued for the WWII troops in North Africa, the only one known A

1880 three cent, fine; and a 1880 Unc. ten cent coin both low mintage were shown. A 1924 dime with wheat cent reverse was unusual, and a VF 1795 Draped Bust Dollar, with a 1801 Draped Bust Dollar.

Twenty-six members and guests were at the July 25th meeting. Frank Galindo was presented with a $50 gift certificate at the Veladi Ranch Steak House in appreciation for his installation of officers each year since 1980. Harold reported all tables for the Sept. 7th Coin Show are sold. The Alamo News did not place in the ANA newsletter competition.

The Alamo Coin Club meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the Maverick Cafe in San Antonio at 7:00pm.

--Harold Eiserloh, Club Editor

Gateway Coin Club, (The Gatepost)

The first meeting opened with 24 members and 2 visitors present. Wayne Gordon announced he would be teaching a numismatic class beginning June 10th. Ray Tate reported the coin show was very successful. The club sent a letter and check to Rufus Miller at the Oaks Hills Best Western Inn, in appreciation for his service at the show. Mariam Gilmore has received some coins for the 1946 display she is preparing for the Jefferson Bank's 50th anniversary. Among the round table items show were a 1864 two cent piece, a 1938 cent multi-struck, 1935 British crown, a 1935 Reichs lottery ticket from Germany, and a Byzantine Follis of Romanus III.

At the May 16th meeting there were 18 members and 2 guests. Miriam Gilmore reminded members she needs research of major events that occured in 1946. This information will be used in conjunction with the 1946 coin exhibit for the Jefferson State Bank. The education program by Lottie Hernandez covered the many aspects of coins and was titled "What's In A Coin". Items shown at this meeting include a 1788 half-penny from Great Britian, a Bronze Roman Imperial coin, a gold coin, Rama Varma, from India, 1880-1885. There was a 1890's ten cent token form a soldiers home at Ft. Sam Houston.

The June 6th meeting had 22 members and 1 visitor. Ray Tate announced that May 3-4, 1997 is the date of next year's coin show. Bob Jenkins donated a book titled Coins & Currency to be given to Lottie Hernandez in recognization for her program "What's In A Coin" Some items shown tonight were a 1901 Pan American Exposition lucky penny, an Australian 1938 British one crown, a 1922 double die Peace Dollar, a 1910 Belgium medal showing two ways to mint coins.

There were 20 members and 3 guests at the June 20th meeting. Robin Ellis gave a program entitled "Banking In San Antonio" covering a wide variety of numismatic related items.

The Gateway Coin Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thrusdays of each month, at Shoney's Restaurant, at 7:00pm.

--Frank Galindo, Club President

DISTRICT IX

South Plains Coin Club, (Club Meeting Report Form).

At the May 5th meeting President Sharron Rice called the meeting to order with 31 members persent. Sharron Rice announced the club now has 58 members. Sharron Rice and James Golden will be on TV on the Children's Miracle Network donating $200 from the SPCC. Lamonte Pitzer reported on the TNA convention and Sharon Rice showed the Club Salute Award that was presented to the club. Dick Rice gave a program on "Double Dies & Repunched Mint Marks". James Golden won the door prize a 1963 mint set with a double die quarter.

The June 3rd meeting started with a swap meet of coins with everyone looking, buying, selling, or trading. The presentation of the $200 check to the Children's Miracle Network on Channel 11 went very well, a number of club members manned the phones. The July 1st meeting would start at 6:30pm and would be the annual hot dog supper.

There were 65 members and guests present at the July 1st meeting This is the annual hot dog supper. The program was presented by the Ed Chauncey family; Mark showed silver dollars, Jeff showed his Kookaburra collection, and Becky agve a program on "The History of Money".

The South Plains Coin Club meets the first Monday of each month at the Precinct Club House, at 7:30pm in Lubbock.

--Lamonte Pitzer, District IX Governor; and Sharron Rice, Club President

DISTRICT XI

Golden Spread Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

At the June 3rd program Arthur R. Morton gave the program on "British Crowns". Last month some members showed some interesting items, there was a $10 bill with the seal and numbers on the reverse instead of the obverse. The Golden Spread Coin Show is July 6-7 with set up on July 5th The food for the dealers needs to be there at 6:00pm. Volunteers are needed for a variety of things, including ticket selling Dave Cervin is putting an exhibit in the show, others are asked to exhibit.

The July program by Diane Morie is about "Grading Uncirculated and Proof Coins" The show is July 6-7, it looks like a sell out and will be very busy Volunteers are needed to help out at the show Dave Cervin's exhibit will have the first Ann O Domini dated weight (AD 1239 and Thalers from 1234 to 1586. TNA President Joe Olson and family will have tables at the show. District 9 governor Lamonte Pitzter and his wife Barbara will be there. The governor of our district Ken Horn will also attend Jessie sold the most tickets in advance of the show $120.00 worth Reggie Barnett a club member sold himself the winning ticket of a $20 St. Gaudens gold piece Mike Eklund won the $5.00 1/10th gold piece The show was full but there were some no shows

and a few dealers and emergencies and could not attend. A smaller room will be used in 1997 and dealers will be placed on a waiting list. The show pulls from a number of states and always gets a large attendance.

The Golden Spread Coin Club meets the first Monday of each month at the Boatmen's First National Bank in Amarillo at 7:00pm.

--Nela Runkle, Editor

DISTRICT XIII

Wichita Falls-Red River Stamp & Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

This is the first newsletter for this club. At the May 23rd meeting Daren Swanson presented a program on "Emmitt Smith sports cards". The secretary gave a report on the TNA convention and this club's secretary, Ray Whyborn was inducted into the prestigious TNA Hall of Fame. The annual Red River Coin & Stamp Show is scheduled for Nov. 23-24.

At the June meeting the club will move to another building of the church to get better A.C. and a larger room. Robbie has a program to test everyone's numismatic knowlege. The secretary noted the attendance levels are not what they should be and everyone should try to improve this. The July program will be on the video "Money: HIstory in Your Hands".

The Wichita Falls-Red River Stamp & Coin Club meets the fourth Thrusday of each month at the Beverly Dr. United Methodist Church at 7:30pm.

-- Raymond E. Whyborn, Secretary

DISTRICT XV

Beaumont Coin Club, (Club Newsletter).

The March 21st meeting was called to order by President Bill Stein. There were 13 members present. Bill Stein collected the Numismatic Game forms from the members partitipating in the contest. The March spring show was a huge success, with all tables sold and a small entrance fee charged. The program was presented by Judy Matherne on "Numismatic Terms and Definitions, & Catalogers and Their Individual Specialities". The BCC voted to go to one show a year, the Silsbee CC agreed with this, The OCC voted for two shows, and the GPACC has not voted yet.

VP Ed White called the May 16th meeting to order. The GPACC decided to wait until June to vote on the number of shows per year. Jerry Williams gave a report on the TNA show. The Spring Show was a financial success for each club's treasury. Orange CC President Ruben Lopez read a letter he wrote for the OCC members regarding the number of shows. Ruben gave the program on "Walking Liberty Halves". The fall show is Sept. 28-29, there will be another youth auction, we need donations.

The June 20th meeting was called to order by President Bill Stein A fall show committee met a Judy's office to discuss all aspects of the show. Jerry Williams announced that John J. Pittman's coin collection would be auctioned off in a series of auctions next year. A discussion was held on increasing membership. Jerry will get new club cards printed up for the four area clubs. The Port Arthur CC voted to support two shows per year. Ed White led a program on market trends of gold and silver, with everyone participating.
The Beaumont Coin Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Lower Neches Valley Authority Admin Building in Beaumont at 7:00pm.
--Judy Matherne, Club Secretary

Orange Coin Club, (Club Newsletter).

There were 11 members and guests present at the May 9th meeting. Dewey Scott presented the May financial report. Judy Matherne reported on her trip to the Early American Copper Show in Philadelphia. Ruben Lopez gave the program on "Walking Liberties". The door prizes were won by Dewey Scott, Randy Jones, & Charles Cagle.

Barbara Edwards called the June 13th meeting to order with 10 members and 3 guests. A committee meeting will be held June 29 at Judy Matherne's office for the planning of the Southeast Texas Coin Show. The program "Fractional Currency" was presented by Jerry Williams. The door prizes were won by Randy Jones, Mr. McGee, Archie Jones, and Evan Jones. The GPACC voted to have two shows a year, now the Show Committee must decide.

At the July meeting the coin show issue is the main topic of discussion with 17 members and guests present. There are three coin shows comming up in this area in the next three months. Jerry Williams has part two of his program on "Fractional Currency" There was a discussion on the possibility of hosting a coin show in the Orange area.
The Orange Coin Club meets the second Thursday of each month at the Thomen Community Center in Orange at 7:00pm.
--Charles Cagle, Club Secretary

Greater Port Arthur Coin Club, (Dollars And Cents).

The May meeting had 6 members present. The program was given by J. W McManus on the life of Benjamin Franklin. The matter of one or two shows vote was tabled until June.

There were 21 members and guests present at the June meeting. Coin dealer and collector Mike Fuljenz gave a program on a variety of topics of interest to all coin enthusiasts. The club has had to move to a new location in the County Clinic, on Viterbo Rd

At the July meeting there were 14 members present. Ed White gave the program on "Hard Times Tokens". There was a lot of discussion on the number of shows the clubs should have each year.
The Greater Port Arthur Coin Club meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the County Clinic, on Viterbo Rd., in Port Arthur at 7:00pm.
--Ray Gannaway, Club Secretary

Silsbee Coin Club, (Club Newsletter)

Jim Cawley called the May 28th meeting to order with 8 members present. Jerry Williams bought a roll of silver eagles at the TNA show and the club will start using them as door prizes. Art Larkin reported that a show committee meeting will be held at Judy Matherne's office. Jerry Williams gave a program on "Fractional Currency". There were four door prize winners.

The June 25th meeting was called to order by Jim Cawley, president. Judy Matherne will keep the club records until next officer election. The Fall show will be held at the Holiday Inn on Walden Rd. Sept. 28-29. The Silsbee Club will share in the cost of business cards for the four clubs in the area. Judy Matherne gave a program on paper currency bearing the vignette called "the sweet potato dinner". This vignette shows Gen. Francis Marion displaying to a British officer a generous meal of sweet potatoes.
The Silsbee Coin Club meets the last Tuesday of each month at the GSU Center, at 7:00pm.
--Judy Matherne, Acting Club Secretary

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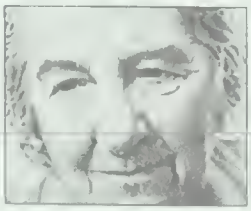

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